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From the Principal's Chair.

Nau mai haere mai whanau.

The weather is certainly changing and it is much cooler in the mornings, lovely to see the gorgeous coloured sweatshirts and hoodies coming out. I was fortunate enough to go out to watch the Year 5 and 6 summer sports day in Helensville on Monday. What a fabulous day, the sun shone, the children looked great in their school T shirts and they got to ride in a bendy bus. The sports were all tabloid type games and they were in mixed school groups. Many of our kids were so happy that they had made new friends. So great to see that they have brought these fun games back to school and many other age groups are joining in and having great fun.

Have a great week, enjoy this weather. We are working on being kind to each other (see below). Be kind to yourselves too.

Waitoki Wellbeing

Dear Whanau

Starting this week Waitoki students are focusing on three wellbeing themes.

This week we are promoting '**Anyone Can Play**'.

Next week is '**Acts of Kindness**' and the last week of the term is '**Be an Upstander**'.

In classes we have been discussing the actions that we will see for each of these themes.

We have 'Kindness Fairies' and the duty teachers out at the break times to spot students who are demonstrating these themes. Students will be rewarded with a sticker which they can place on their treasure chest in class. At the end of the term each class will use the stickers gained by the students to have a draw for a Westfield voucher. Each afternoon it would be great if you could ask your child what they have done today to help someone play, have they been kind to someone,

or how many stickers do you have?

Whakatau (Welcoming Assembly) - Thursday 30th March at 12pm

We will be welcoming our new Principal, Jules McCourt to our school with a Whakatau next Thursday. Jules will be joined by fellow members from Glenfield Primary School along with their Kapa Haka group. Our Junior and Senior Kapa Haka group will also be performing.

Parents, we invite you to join us if you can. We just ask that you be seated quietly in the hall by 11.55am so we can welcome our guests in with a waiata at 12pm. Pre-schoolers are welcome but due to the significance of this assembly if they become unsettled we would appreciate you taking them outside.

After the ceremony, we will be having a shared Kai, the Kapa Haka groups in Miss Brown's classroom and the adults next door in Mrs Selfe's. Can our Kapa Haka group please bring a plate to share with the Glenfield Primary Kapa Haka group. Staff will be providing kai for the adults, however if we have any keen parent bakers, we would be very happy to accept a contribution! If you can help with a yummy plate and or plan to join us for kai, could you please let Kerry or Emma know in the office to help with catering planning. Thank you!

Reminders

Fundraising Meeting - Come along for an informal get together tomorrow evening, Thursday 23rd March at 6.30pm. Now being held in Katrina's classroom, Room Tekau (new classroom block). Everyone welcome. Great chance to meet new friends over a few nibbles and a drink.

Maths Information Evening - Monday 27th March 6 - 7pm in the hall.

Join us for an informative evening run by Massey University Maths mentor Steve Arnold and Yr5 teacher Becky Minton. You will learn all about the

DMIC professional development and approach our staff have been implementing and even have a chance to have a go at a task just like the kids would do! Please come along loaded with questions and an open mind. Please RSVP to the office if you will be attending.

Parent, Teacher 'Catch up' Interviews

Wednesday 29th March, 2.30pm—7.30pm

If you haven't done so already, please pop onto the Interview icon on Skool Loop and book a 10 minute time slot with your child's teacher.

Teacher Only Day - Monday 24th April (first day of term 2) followed by ANZAC day on the Tuesday. School will be closed both days.

Disabled Parking Spaces

Please do not park in the disabled parking spaces in the carpark unless you have a permit. We have parents who need to use the spaces at pick up/drop off time. Thank you.

Easter Hat competition (see flyer attached)

Assembly this Friday at 8.45am.

Student Achievements

Rocket Writing in the Year 6 class. Students were asked to do a 'quick write' for 10 minutes, on something of their choice. A way of engaging and encouraging students to write. Here's a great piece by Roxy H.

"I stand alone in the long, quiet hallway. Then I hear a noise like 'BANG!' Shivers shoot down my arms and my hairs stand on end. It goes silent. I walk towards the sound. I stop. 'Drip, drip.' My body is frozen in fear. I hear steps coming toward me. Then my head goes black."

Kumeu Show

Zara C, Year 5, not only won Champion Lamb at our Ag Day and Supreme Lamb at Group Day but also competed and won Supreme Lamb at the Kumeu Show with Rooster! Well done Zara, all your hard work paid off!



Although the Helensville Show couldn't go ahead this year, the Committee still held their usual animal cardboard cut-out competition. Here's our New Entrants with their entry which won first prize in their age group! Well done guys!

Winter sports - Registrations are now open. Please complete the appropriate permission slip on Skool Loop if your child is interested in playing this year.

South Kaipara Schools Group AGM

To be held on Monday 1st May 2023 at Waitoki School 7pm in the staffroom. If you are interested in keeping the Ag day and Group Day tradition thriving for years to come, please chat with Kerry in the office.

Board survey

Look out for a simple 3 question email survey in the coming days from the Waitoki School BOT and leadership team. We will be sending this survey out to the community every term to help improve communication and receive feedback from you all. This will help us identify where we need to dial up the positives, and address any potential working points. We appreciate your insight and time answering these. Have a great week!

Next Board Meeting - Wednesday 5th April, 7pm
Observers welcome.